

# News Release



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## **Veterans to be Honored at the California State Capitol**

**Where: *California State Capitol Museum*  
10<sup>th</sup> Street between "L" and "N" Streets, Sacramento**

**When: Friday, November 7, 2008  
11:30 a.m.**

**Special Event Admission: Free**

STATE CAPITOL—California State Legislature Joint Rules Committee and California State Parks and State Capitol Museum invite the public to the historic flag exhibit opening in honor of Veterans Day on Friday, November 7, 2008 at 11:30 a.m. The California National Guard Honor Guard will present the colors on the First Floor of the Rotunda of the State Capitol.

Immediately following, in the first floor rotunda of the State Capitol, 'The Rivertones' will perform patriotic songs. The State Capitol Museum will showcase four rare World War I military flags from the State Capitol Historic Flag Collection in honor of Veterans Day. The exhibit is on the Second Floor Rotunda.

The California State Capitol is home to a remarkable collection of nearly 50 flags spanning the Civil War, Spanish-American War and the World War I. Some of the flags on exhibit at the Capitol have only been displayed on the parade ground, while others have accompanied Californians into battle during both the Civil War and World War I.

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Originally kept in the Adjutant General's Office in the State Capitol, the flag collection was later displayed in the rotunda. Since 1928, the flag collection has had ongoing and extensive conservation efforts to preserve these fragile pieces of California's history and have not been on exhibit in many years.

The historic flag exhibit will be on display from November 7, 2008 to November 16, 2008. There is no cost to the public. Learn more about the historic flag collection at [www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov](http://www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov) . Contact Mindy Orosco at [mos@parks.ca.gov](mailto:mos@parks.ca.gov) or (916) 802-9723 for event questions and information.

## Veterans Day History

**Veterans Day:** Veterans Day, November 11, was originally established as a national holiday to commemorate the 4.7 million men and women who had taken part in the “Great War” or World War I (1914-18). This date was originally selected as the anniversary for when the war ended on November 11, 1918. Over time the holiday has come to recognize those veterans that have served their country in all of its wars.

### ***About the California State Capitol Museum***

*The California State Capitol Museum is operated by California State Parks under contract to and supported by the California State Legislature. Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for guided and self-guided tours of the Capitol Building and its extensive outdoor gardens, the Museum is located in the California State Capitol, in downtown Sacramento on 10<sup>th</sup> Street between L and N Streets. For more information, call (916) 324-0333 or visit [www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov](http://www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov) .*